

## ADVENT AT HOME: WEEK 3- JOY

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The four weeks leading up to Christmas are a special time for God's people to join together in anticipation of Christ's birth. This time is called Advent.

For full instructions on the Advent candles, click [here](#).

Light the third Advent candle: Joy. The pink candle represents joy. This week, you would also light the candles from the previous weeks (Hope and Peace).



Have someone say, "This is the third week of Advent. We light the candles of hope and of peace from the last two weeks. Today, we light the candle of joy." Have someone light the candles of hope, peace, and lastly joy.

### Dig Deeper

- Talk about the devotion [Advent: A Time of Joy](#). You might use the prayer at the end of the devotion together.
- To learn more about what joy means in the Bible read [Luke 2:8-20](#); [John 15:10-12](#).
- Ask this question: "**In what ways can we show the joy of the Lord to others?**" Allow each family member to answer the question, and then have a conversation about what joy means to them. After the sharing time, say, "Let's find ways to show our joy in Jesus to everyone we meet this week."
- Listen to (or even sing!) a family favorite Christmas carol about joy, like "Joy to the World." You can listen to an [Advent playlist on Spotify](#) We also love "[Waiting Songs](#)" by Rain for Roots.

We pray that this practice of participating in Advent gives your family a deep sense of anticipation for Christmas. May God bless you during this special season.

Want to do a deep dive? Check out Family Fire's article [Finding Joy at Christmas!](#) and [Choosing Joy Over Happiness](#)

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